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1. AS FOLLOW-ON TO RECEIPT OF OPI FACT SHEET ON PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), MISOFFS MET WITH UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL AKATANI ON MARCH 31. AKATANI SAID OPI WAS WORKING CLOSELY WITH UN CENTER FOR DISARMAMENT IN PREPARING DOCUMENTATION, ARTICLES AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL. BEFORE WE COULD ASK ANY QUESTIONS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF OPI PROGRAM, AKATANI GAVE US A SUMMARY OF THEIR PLANS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE PHOTO EXHIBITS TO BE SET UP IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY HALL.

2. AKATANI SAID THAT THERE WILL BE TWO EXHIBITS:
(A) AN OPI EXHIBIT ON DISARMAMENT (REPORTED REFTTEL) AND
(B) AN EXHIBIT ORGANIZED BY THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI REGARDING THE ATOMIC EXPLOSIONS ON THOSE CITIES. AS REGARDS THE FIRST OF THESE, OPI AND THE CENTER FOR DISARMAMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
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CONTENT AND SELECTION OF THE EXHIBITION MATERIALS. THE SECOND EXHIBIT, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS NO OFFICIAL UN NOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP, AND INSTEAD IS SPONSORED BY THE UN RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION. AKATANI RECALLED THAT MAYORS OF NAGASAKI AND HIROSHIMA HAD MET WITH UNSYG AND OTHER UN OFFICIALS LAST YEAR; AKATARI SAID IT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE MAYORS THAT THE

UN AS A MATTER OF POLICY DID NOT SPONSOR EXHIBITS MOUNTED BY GOVERNMENTAL UNITS, HENCE, THE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UN RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED THRU THE JAPANESE BOOK CLUB. THIS EXHIBIT WAS THE RESULT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS. AKATANI FURTHER SAID THAT BOTH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND HE WERE REVIEWING THE CONTENT OF THESE EXHIBITS. THEY RECOGNIZED THE CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT MATTER. THE MAYORS OF NAGASAKI AND HIROSHIMA, HE CONTINUED, WERE FROM THE CONSERVATIVE PARTIES AND DID NOT WANT THE EXHIBITS TO PROVOKE HOSTILITY TO THE US, BUT INSTEAD TO DRAMATIZE THE HORRORS OF ATOMIC WARFARE.

3. MISOFF SAID THAT OUR CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THESE EXHIBITS, AS WELL AS TO TEXTUAL MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED BY OPI, WAS THAT THEY SHOULD BE FAIR AND BALANCED. AKATANI RESPONDED THAT OPI POLICY WAS TO ASSURE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THAT MAJOR INTERESTED DELEGATIONS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OPI MATERIAL IN ADVANCE OF ITS EXHIBITION SO AS TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF SUBSEQUENT CHARGES THAT OPI WAS BIASED OR DISTORTED. HE RECALLED THAT A UN FILM ON UNEF HAD BEEN SHOWN TO BOTH THE ISRAELI AND ARAB PERMREPS BEFORE ITS GENERAL RELEASE. SIMILARLY, HE SAID, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO SHOW THE PHOTO EXHIBITS TO US FOR OUR VIEWS. MISOFF EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO AKATANI AND IT WAS AGREED THAT HE WOULD

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